Utilization of funds released from fuel cess

1077. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pace of utilization of funds released by the Centre from the fuel cess inflows for the road upgradation projects has been slow in some States and clearance to some of their fresh proposals has been held up for want of utilization certificates for their previous disbursements;

(b) if so, the details of the funds released and their utilization during the last two quarters by the different States; and

(c) the fresh initiatives taken to speed up the road upgradation projects in various States and for fuller utilization of the available resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) The details of amounts released to the States and their utilization during the last two quarters (1.4.2003 to 30.9.2003) are given in the Statement *(see* below). Fresh proposals in respect of some of the States have not been approved for want of utilization certificates.

(c) Monitoring of the approved work is done on a quarterly basis. States have also been requested to expedite the pace of progress of works.

Statement

Details of release and utilization of funds out of Central Road Fund during the last two quarters from 1.4.2003 *to* 30.9.2003*)*

(Rs. in crore)

		Details of Amount released and utilized during last two quarters (1.4.2003 to 30.9.2003)	
Sl.No.	Name of State	Amount Released	Amount Utilized
1.	Andhra Pradesh	35.54	35.54
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1.61	0.00

(Rs. in crore)

Sl.No.	Name of State	Details of Amount released and utilized during last two quarters (1.4.2003 to 30.9.2003) Amount Released	Amount Utilized
3.	Bihar	1.51	1.45
4.	Himachal Pradesh	3.18	2.47
5.	Jharkhand	9.71	5.31
6.	Karnataka	21.67	10.65
7.	Maharashtra	34.94	29.01
8.	Manipur	1.49	0.00
9.	Meghalaya	2.59	0.00
10.	Mizoram	2.01	2.01
11.	Nagaland	0.85	0.00
12.	Punjab	14.33	14.33
13.	Sikkim	0.36	0.00
14.	Tamil Nadu	25.98	25.98
15.	Uttaranchal	3.97	0.78
16.	West Bengal	2.91	2.91

Renovation of National Highways

1078. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether work of renovating the National Highways is going according to the schedule;

(b) whether the State Governments are demanding to extend some State Roads for joining with the National Highways in Golden Corridor, or four lane road; and

(c) the amount spent on such roads by the Road Authority of India upto 31st December, 2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Renovation (Maintenance & Repair) of National Highways is an ongoing process. Most of the works for renovating the National Highways are